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SUBJECT: CHIEF BUTHELEZI WELCOMES CONTINUED INVESTMENT BY
U.S. FIRMS IN SOUTH AFRICA

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1. DURING OFFICIAL CALL ON CHIEF BUTHELEZI IN HIS NEW
ULUNDI HEADQUARTERS APRIL 5TH, I HAD OCCASION TO DISCUSS
MOTIVATION BEHIND CHIEF'S RECENT JOINT STATEMENT WITH BEYERS
NAUDE (REFTTEL) APPARENTLY CALLING FOR AN END TO FOREIGN INVEST-
MENT IN SOUTH AFRICA.

2. BUTHELEZI WAS AT PAINS TO STRESS THAT HE HAD NOT ALTERED
HIS LONG-HELD POSITION THAT U.S. FIRMS, AT LEAST, WERE CON-
TRIBUTING TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF POSITIVE CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA,
AND THAT U.S. INVESTMENT IS STILL WELCOME AS FAR AS HE IS CON-
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CERNED. THE PURPOSE OF HIS JOINT STATEMENT WITH NAUDE, HE SAID,

WAS TO EXPRESS HIS STRONG MORAL REVULSION TO BANTU ADMINISTRATION MINISTER M.C. BOTHA'S STATEMENT (TED PARA 4 E REFTTEL) AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT ITS PHILOSOPHY MIGHT UNDERLIE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT (SAG) POLICY. IF THAT WERE THE CASE AND THE SAG WERENTO LIMIT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE HOMELANDS OUT OF FEAR THAT INDUSTRY IN THE HOMELANDS WOULD DRAW NEEDED LABOR FROM SOUTH AFRICA PROPER, THEN FOREIGN FIRMS INVESTING IN SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE IMPLICATED IN A GOVERNMENT ATTEMPT TO INHIBIT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HOMELANDS AND THE BETTERMENT OF THEIR PEOPLE. UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, FOREIGN INVESTMENTS WOULD BE "DEVOID OF ALL MORALITY."

3. OTHER ITEM OF INTEREST DISCUSSED WAS INKATHA, WHICH BUTHELEZI SAID HE HOPED NOW WOULD BE CONSIDERED BROADLY-BASED NATIONAL INSTRUMENT FOR FOCUSING BLACK NATIONALISM. IN SOWETO SVEECH MARCH 14 HE SCRUPULOUSLY AVOIDED TERM "INKATHA YA KWAZULU", USING INSTEAD EXPRESSION "INKATHA YENKULULEKO YESIZWE" (INITY-FREEDOM - ALL PEOPLE). HOWEVER, HE COMPLAINED OF ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS WHICH STILL EXIST AND TENDENCY OF CRITICS TO MISUNDERSTAND WHAT HE WAS TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH. (HE HAD, IN FACT, SPENT PREVIOUS EVENING PRESIDEING OVER INKATHA CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING CALLED FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING WHAT LEADERSHIP WAS DOING WRONG.) BUTHELEZI DISPLAYED CHARACTERISTIC SENSITIVITY CRITICISM WHEN DISCUSSING INKATHA, IN PARTICULAR ATTACKING IN TURN ANY OPPONENT (BARNEY DLADLA, FATIMA MEER, WINNIE MANDELA, ETC.) WHO SUGGESTED HE WAS "ONLY A ZULU" I.E., NOT A NATIONAL) LEADER. AT ONE POINT BUTHELEZI TOOK HIS OWN CRITICISM TO POINT OF STATING EXTERNAL ANC SUSPECTED WINNIE MANDELA OF BEING AN SAG INFORMER (SIC).

4. ON BLACK NATIONAL CONVENTION SERIES CALLED FOR IN SOWETO SPEECH, BUTHELEZI SAID HE HAD RECEIVED NO INDICATION SO FAR THAT SAG WOULD INTERFERE WITH CONVENTION ORGANIZATION OR ATTENDANCE BY SPEAKERS FROM OUTSIDE SA; HOWEVER TIME WOULD TELL.

5. FOR CAPE TOWN/AMBASSADOR BOWDLER: BUTHELEZI'S 1973 FEDERAL FORMULA DETAILS ALSO OBTAINED AND BEING POUCHED WITH LETTER APRIL 7. SULZBERGER REQUEST ALSO ATTENDED TO.
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